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In re Application of :
Akihiro Inomata :
Application No. 10/692,035 : **ON PETITION**
Filed: October 23, 2003 :
Attorney Docket No. 0941.68545 :

This is a decision on the petition, filed April 13, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on April 10, 2006, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Petitioner should be aware that some of the papers submitted on April 13, 2006, reference Application No. 10/962,035 instead of 10/692,035.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3208.

The examiner of Technology Center AU 1773 will consider the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Karen Creasy
Petitions Examiner
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¹ The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form **must** be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).